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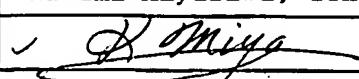
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Date	November, 26, 2001	

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

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Application No./Patent No.: 09/839,662 Filed/Issue Date: 04/23/2001

Entitled: Sheet-Sorting Apparatus

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**DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR
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Attorney Docket Number	NISCA USP166
First Named Inventor	SASAMOTO
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Application Number	09 / 839,662
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As a below named Inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Sheet-Sorting Apparatus

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

is attached hereto

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached? YES	Certified Copy Attached? NO
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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